

## CULLING THE WORK.

### A DOZEN MEASURES GIVEN PRECEDENCE.

### The Republican Senatorial Caucus Fixes a Program for the Session.

### Every Method of Expediting Final Action on the Tariff Bill Taken by Both Chambers.

### Several Acrimonious Tilts in the Baum Committee Room—Mr. Cooper Says Mr. Flick Is No Gentleman and Is Called a Dirty Dog—Capital Items.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—A caucus of Republican senators was held this morning, at which Senator Edmunds presided, for the purpose of settling the program for the rest of the session. About a dozen measures were considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant their being placed on the program.

Most of the members had a measure which he deemed of sufficient importance to warrant its being placed on the program. It was decided, however, to limit the program to the following bills, to be considered in the order named, and after the report of the conference committee on the land grant forfeiture bill shall have been disposed of:

First—Anti-lottery mail bill.  
Second—The bill to repeal the timber culture act.  
Third—The bill to establish private claim courts.  
Fourth—The bill for the relief of the supreme court.  
Fifth—The bill for the adjustment of claims of laborers, etc., under the eight hour law.  
Sixth—The bill making eight hours a day's work for laborers, etc., in government employ, or employed by contractors doing government work.  
Seventh—The bill to transfer the revenue marine service from the treasury department to the navy department.  
Eighth—The Padlock pure food bill.  
Ninth—The bill for the settlement of claims arising from Indian depredations.  
Tenth—The Torrey bankruptcy bill.  
Eleventh—The bill to place telegraph companies under the operation of the interstate commerce law.  
Twelfth—District of Columbia bills.  
The first thing to be considered is the conference committee on the land grant forfeiture bill now pending before the senate. There was some talk of adjournment but nothing definite agreed to as to the date. The bill is finally disposed of a day for adjournment can not be fixed.

### NO TIME TO BE LOST.

### Both Houses Preparing to Complete the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The enrolling clerk of the senate kept their work on the tariff bill well up with each day's proceedings of the senate so that this morning the bill was ready for a final comparison before being sent over to the house. The work of examining the bill for possible errors was completed shortly after noon and during the day it was signed by the President. Pro Tem Ingalls and sent to the house. When it meets tomorrow morning the bill with the senate amendments will under the rule of the house, be reported without special action to the committee on ways and means as was done when the silver bill was referred to the committee.

A meeting of the ways and means committee will be called for the earliest date practicable and unless some unexpected obstacle is encountered on the part of the Democratic members of the committee the bill will be reported back to the house with the committee's recommendations on Tuesday. The committee's recommendation is predicted, will be that the house agree to such of the senate amendments as are merely verbal and do not change the substance of the bill, and to reject the remainder. The committee also agreed to the conference asked by the senate. Meanwhile, through the bill is not yet in conference, the Republican members of the committee are quietly examining the senate amendments with a view to expediting their disposition in conference.

### MORE BILLINGSGATE.

### Threats and Insults Entertain the Baum Committee.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Right at the beginning of its session this morning, the committee on ways and means, investigating the charges against Commissioner Baum, had the usual daily tilt.

Mr. Lewis, the Democratic member, rising to a personal question, said that he had been credibly informed that while he was engaged in conversation with Mr. Sawyer, who was on the stand, the other day, the chairman had said that his (Lewis's) conduct was not gentlemanly, and he wanted a retraction.

Chairman Morrill said he had no recollection of having made such a remark, and Mr. Sawyer also denied that it had been made, taking occasion also to denounce the outside officers who were seeking to intimidate and make bad feeling in the committee.

Commissioner Baum, beginning his defense asked that Mr. Cooper be sworn. In answer to the committee's question, Mr. Cooper said that his attention had first been called to the refrigerator company by the newspaper articles, and afterward by George P. Fleming. The commissioner said that Fleming was himself the author of the defamatory articles.

The investigation ran along quietly again for a quarter of an hour and then there was another outbreak. Mr. Cooper was still on the stand and had said that he had never seen the books of the company, when Mr. Black sharply queried: "You know you are on oath, don't you? You have sworn a moment ago that you could take those books and sustain these charges."

Mr. Cooper—I said I believed it. That suggestion of yours was ungentlemanly, cowardly and mean.

Mr. Flick—And I submit that you are a dirty dog.

Chairman Morrill endeavored to restrain the members but Mr. Flick added: "He has no right, nor any other man to make that remark."

Mr. Lewis joined in to help out Mr. Cooper, saying: "Mr. Flick had no right to ask that question about his being under oath. It carried an implication."

Mr. Flick denied any such intention.

Butler Fitch was called and positively denied that he had told Fleming any of the things that Mr. Cooper had spoken of. In the course of the examination, Commissioner Baum remarked:

The whole thing is a figment of George P. Fleming, a discharged employee of the pension office, who had used Mr. Cooper. I don't say corruptly.

The chairman again intervened. Mr. Cooper remarked that he was used to that,

## MINOR OFFICES.

### THE CLERKS TAKE UP THE SESSION.

### Hours Spent by the House in Quibbling Over Compensation.

### The Bill Providing for Assistant Clerks in Both Bodies Considerably Amended and Passed.

### An Educational Bill Reported to the Council Providing Separate Schools for Whites and Colored—A Fight Promised on the Colored Line—Democratic Committee Call.

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GUTHRIE, Ok., Sept. 11.—Owing to the prospective banquet but little was done in the legislature yesterday. There is nothing like a pleasure trip for demoralizing a legislature.

As soon as house bill No. 2, "an act to provide for the distribution of money appropriated by the United States for the relief of the destitute in Oklahoma," is introduced it will be sent to the governor for his signature.

The howl goes up from every hamlet: "Give us some school laws; stop your wrangling over minor questions and attend to the pressing needs of the hour." This is accentuated by numerous letters from constituents. The Alliance element will fight every bond question, and it is not unlikely that the coalition will by legislation so limit the power of the territorial county and township organizations that they will hardly be able to provide the necessary public buildings, the spectre of mortgage homes and disappointed hopes.

Either because the effects of last night's champagne had not worn off or for some other unknown cause the members of the house enacted some queer legislation.

IN THE HOUSE.

In the house at the morning session twenty members were present. The minutes were read and approved. The house went into a committee of the whole to consider council bill No. 6, Mr. Campbell, of Logan, in the chair.

This bill relates to additional officers for the council and house.

Mr. Merten moved the bill be read and passed by sections.

Section 1 provides one assistant clerk for each house who shall receive \$4 per day.

Mr. Peery—What is meant by assistant clerk?

Mr. Adair—It will be explained further on.

Mr. Curran moved its adoption.

Mr. Adair—The only objection I have is that he is a skilled stenographer and typewriter.

Mr. Post moved that "skilled stenographer and typewriter" be stricken out.

Mr. Peery—What does this gentleman want to have stricken out?

The chair—All.

Mr. Peery—I oppose this.

Mr. Colson—I understand the gentleman from Kingfisher means "stenographer and typewriter."

Mr. Farnsworth thought skilled stenographer and typewriter should be stricken out and the motion was carried.

Mr. Peery—I move the word "skilled" be stricken out and the word "appointed" be inserted in the first line.

Mr. Merten—It seems to me it is fair to elect this officer. The house should have a voice in the matter. The chief officers of the house are all elective. We have a right to have our say in the selection of the clerk. The object I had in view is the changes that we might try several men and secure the services of the right man.

Mr. Neal—I think the house is abundantly able to make the selection.

Mr. Curran concurred with the gentleman from Logan.

Mr. Peery—The gentleman is unnecessarily alarmed.

Mr. Merten—Let me express my gratitude for the remark.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Robinson—I move that we amend the section by inserting \$2 per diem instead of \$4.

Mr. Peery—I oppose the amendment. First, because the stenographers are not worth that face, and secondly, that \$2 per diem would secure only Guthrie men. It looks like a Guthrie scheme.

Mr. Jones—Four dollars a day is little enough. Board costs \$1.50 per day.

Mr. Matthews—I think the gentleman from Logan is mistaken in regard to board.

Mr. Peery—Let me get board for 30 cents per day; \$2 is enough.

Mr. Merten—The only representative the legislature has seen fit to employ from Guthrie is a \$1.50 man. I do not wish the public to understand that Guthrie is running off with more than his share.

Mr. Terrell rose to a point of order.

Mr. Long favored \$4 a day.

Mr. Colson—It is unfair to give us less than \$4 per day, and I hope Kingfisher will get the clerk.

Mr. Adair—Will this clerk be the reading clerk?

If I understand the section correctly the duties of the assistant clerk will be written. I think that we should pay him \$3.

Mr. Daniels—I am customary to have an assistant clerk. My ideas are to make the assistant clerk reading clerk.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Terrell asks permission to speak, which is granted.

I think if we spend as much time speaking in the future on small matters as we have today, we shall never perform our work.

Mr. Daniels moved to strike out that part of the section that defines the clerk's duties and insert another clause.

Mr. Terrell moved the substitute out of order.

Mr. Terrell moved so much of the section as refers to the duties of clerk be stricken out and the words, "the duties of said clerk shall be to assist the chief clerk and act as reading clerk," inserted therein.

Mr. Curran—We shall need a clerk on several committees.

Mr. Daniels—If we need more clerks we can elect them.

The amendment was carried and the section adopted.

Mr. Adair moved to strike out \$2 and insert \$5.

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